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For : COPPER PIPE CLEANING TOOL

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Washington, DC 20231

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

As applicant's attorney, I am enclosing the specification, claims and informal drawings for a new patent application. A Nonpublication Request is also submitted herewith. A filing date is requested under 35 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1). This application is being filed without a declaration, power of attorney or filing fee. When notice is received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office advising of the date when these documents are to be submitted, we will submit these items together with the surcharge set forth in §1.16(e) to the Patent Office to prevent abandonment of the application.

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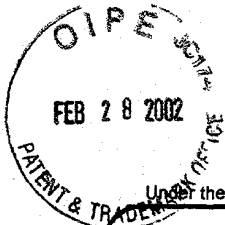
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First Named Inventor

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Title

COPPER PIPE CLEANING TOOL

Atty Docket Number

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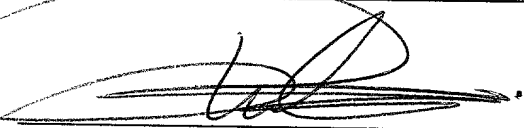
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